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SUBJECT: EXPIRATION OF US/UK 1955 & 1956 CIVIL ATOMIC
ENERGY AGREEMENT/COOPERATION THROUGH EURATOM

1. THIS IS TO INFORM ADDRESSEES RE FORMALITIES IN RELATION
TO SCHEDULED EXPIRATION OF SUBJECT US/UK CIVIL AGREEMENTS
FOR COOPERATION. AS POSTS AWARE US & UK HAVE TWO CIVIL
AGREEMENTS: -

(A) 1955 RESEARCH AND POWER-TYPE SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON
JULY 20, 1976, AND (B) 1966 POWER AGREEMENT DUE TO EXPIRE
JULY 14, 1976 (1966 AGREEMENT NEVER HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED
AND THERE WERE NO US TRANSFERS OF MATERIAL THEREUNDER).
SINCE UK IS MEMBER OF EURATOM AND PURSUANT ESTABLISHED USG
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POLICY IN OTHER CASES WHERE US ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENT

WITH INDIVIDUAL EURATOM MEMBER IS TO EXPIRE, US/UK CIVIL AGREEMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO EXPIRE AS SCHEDULED AND CO-OPERATION WILL BE CONTINUED UNDER 1960 US/EURATOM ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT.

2. DISCUSSIONS WITH UKG RE EXPIRATION AND EURATOM "FOLD-IN" HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SOMETIME; EURATOM ALSO AWARE OF MATTER. USG HAS GIVEN UK AND EURATOM DRAFTS OF SEVERAL DOCUMENTS FOR REVIEW, TO BE DELIVERED/EXCHANGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLD-IN NO LATER THAN JULY 20. BASIC ARE CERTAIN US NOTIFICATIONS TO UK AND EC ON BEHALF OF EURATOM AND CONFIRMING REPLIES WHILE US/UK 1955 AGREEMENT DOES NOT ESTABLISH SAFEGUARDS REQUIREMENTS, IT DOES SET FORTH "PEACEFUL USES" GUARANTEES AND SUCH OBLIGATIONS HAVE CONTINUING EFFECTS. FURTHER, EURATOM WILL ASSUME CERTAIN SAFEGUARDS RESPONSIBILITIES. THERE WILL BE A US-UK EURATOM AGREED INVENTORY OF US ORIGIN MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT IN THE UK WHICH WILL BECOME SUBJECT TO US-EURATOM ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT. ADDRESSEES WILL BE KEPT INFORMED.

3. FOR EC BRUSSELS. IN RELATION TO INVENTORY, CERTAIN ASSISTANCE REQUESTED. USG AND UKG HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON INVENTORY OF MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT. WE LEARNED THAT EURATOM WILL NOT YET ACCEPT IT, APPARENTLY REQUIRING A PHYSICAL CHECK. EC WASHINGTON OFFICE HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY ERDA TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH UK TO RESOLVE MATTER BY FRIDAY, JULY 16 SO THAT FORMALITIES OF INVENTORY CAN BE EXECUTED (IN BRUSSELS) ON JULY 20 AT LATEST. (NO "SAFEGUARDS" BASIS IN US/UK AGREEMENT FOR US TO BE IN A POSITION TO ASSERT WHERE MATERIAL IS IN UK, ALTHOUGH AS PRACTICAL MATTER LOCATION OF US MATERIAL IS PART OF INTERNAL RECORD WHICH ERDA REP. MADE DURING JUNE VISIT TO UK TO COMPLETE DRAFT INVENTORY; SUCH LOCATION ALSO PART OF UK RECORD.) IN VIEW OF URGENCY OF MATTER AND TO SERVE AS REINFORCEMENT AS WELL AS ASSURE PROPER FOLLOW-THROUGH, US EC BRUSSELS REQUESTED MAKE IMMEDIATE, PARALLEL APPROACH TO CEC (EURATOM). USG VIEWS AS ESSENTIAL RESOLUTION OF INVENTORY PROBLEM BY DEADLINE; WE UNABLE TO CONSIDER PROVISIONAL INVENTORY UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH PRESENTS PRACTICAL AND/OR POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. USG FULLY RECOGNIZES THAT US/UK AGREED INVENTORY MAY NEED ADJUSTMENT SINCE TIME IT WAS DEVELOPED, E.G., IN LIGHT OF BURN-UP. ERDA FULLY OPEN TO CONSIDERATION OF ADJUSTMENT OF INVENTORY PREPARED EARLIER. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR APPROACH TO EURATOM ASAP. KISSINGER

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